

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 3925–3942; 2 private bills, H.R. 3943–3944; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 279–280, and H. Res. 443–444, 447, were introduced. **Pages H3742–43**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 1690, to amend title 28 of the United States Code regarding enforcement of child custody orders (H. Rept. 105–546);

H. Res. 445, waiving a requirement of clause 4(b), rule XI with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 105–547); and

H. Res. 446, disposing of the conference report to accompany S. 1150, to ensure that federally funded agricultural research, extension, and education address high-priority concerns with national or multistate significance, to reform, extend, and eliminate certain agricultural research programs (H. Rept. 105–548). **Page H3742**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Bonilla to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3627**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rabbi Moshe Bomzer of Albany, New York. **Page H3627**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Wednesday, May 20 by yeas and nays vote of 339 yeas to 58 nays with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 175. **Pages H3627–28**

Member Sworn: Representative-elect Robert A. Brady presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the oath of office by the Speaker. **Page H3628**

President's Assertions of Executive Privilege: The House agreed to H. Res. 432, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives concerning the President's assertions of executive privilege by yeas and nays vote of 259 yeas to 157 nays with 6 voting "present", Roll No. 176. **Pages H3640–46**

Cooperation with Congressional Investigations: The House agreed to H. Res. 433, calling upon the President of the United States to urge full cooperation by his former political appointees and friends and their associates with congressional investigations by yeas and nays vote of 342 yeas to 69 nays with 12 voting "present", Roll No. 177. **Pages H3646–66**

H. Res. 436, the rule that provided for consideration of both H. Res. 432 and H. Res. 433 was agreed to earlier by a voice vote. **Pages H3634–40**

Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

NATO Expansion: Message wherein he transmitted his certification that each of the governments of Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic are fully cooperating with U.S. efforts to obtain an accounting of captured and missing U.S. personnel from past military conflicts or Cold War incidents—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–256). **Page H3666**

National Endowment for the Humanities: Message wherein he transmitted the 32nd annual report of the National Endowment for the Humanities—referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce. **Page H3733**

DOD Authorization: The House passed H.R. 3616, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 1999 by a recorded vote of 357 yeas to 60 noes, Roll No. 183. Agreed to amend the title. (The House completed general debate on May 19 and began consideration of amendments on May 20). **Pages H3666–H3715**

Rejected the Frank of Massachusetts motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on National Security with instructions to report it back forthwith with an amendment that prohibits funding after December 31, 1998 for the deployment of U.S. Armed Forces to the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina unless a law has been enacted that explicitly authorizes the deployment by a recorded vote of 167 yeas to 251 noes, Roll No. 182. **Pages H3712–14**

Agreed To:

The Spence en bloc amendment consisting of H. Rept. 105–544 Part D amendments numbered 1 through 18, 21 through 38 and an amendment deemed printed by an order of the House on May 20: that clarifies limits State authority to tax compensation paid to certain individuals performing service in Ft. Campbell, Kentucky; seeks to enhance outdoor recreation development on military installations for disabled veterans, military dependents with disabilities, and other persons with disabilities; within 6 months of enactment requires certification and description of the system used to recover from commercial carriers the costs incurred by the Department; revises the time for submitting the annual report relating to the Buy American Act from 90 days

to 60 days; requires that all burial flags be wholly produced in the United States; transfers the title of the Youngstown Navy and Marine Corps Reserve facility to the city of Youngstown, Ohio; requires a DOD Inspector General investigation of actions relating to the 174th Fighter Wing of the New York Air National Guard; limits NATO expansion payments to \$2 billion or 10 percent of the total cost, whichever is less over the next thirteen years; requires that military physicians possess unrestricted licenses and establishes a mechanism for ensuring the completion of continuing medical education requirements; reduces the retirement pay for enlisted members who are reduced in grade before retirement; prohibits the use of tritium produced in facilities licensed under the Atomic Energy Act for nuclear explosive purposes; requires a proposal by November 1, 1998 to establish an appeals process in cases of ClaimCheck denials of claims for health care services submitted by civilian providers; requires, in conjunction with the National Academy of Sciences, a study on the technology base of the Department of Defense; encourages existing cooperative working relationships between the Air Force Flight Test Center and the NASA Dryden Flight Research Center at Edwards Air Force Base and requires a joint report concerning the base alliance; makes the export of U.S. satellites subject to the licensing requirements established by the Arms Export Control Act; requires reports from the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency or State Department on arms control developments including information on the activities of various arms control treaty compliance forums; requires a schedule for implementation of best commercial inventory practices for the management of secondary supply items; requires the Secretary Of Commerce to release within 5 days to the CIA, DOD, or Energy Department any information relating to exports carried out with or without an export license; expresses the sense of Congress concerning the inability of members of the armed forces away from their main residence on active duty to exercise the capital gains relief for homeowners as provided in the 1997 Taxpayer Relief Act; adds Indigenous groups, such as the Hmong, Nung, Montagnard, Kahmer, HoaHao, and CaoDai combat forces, to the list of those who made contributions during the Vietnam conflict; protects funding for the two national launch ranges in California and Florida which support DOD and NASA space launch activities; expresses the sense of Congress regarding the establishment of a counter drug center in Panama; establishes an Office of River Protection and directs Hanford tank cleanup program reforms; allows a partnership arrangement to operate a hazardous materials management and emergency response training program;

requires an annual report on private sector employees who provide services under contract for the Department of Defense; authorizes hardship duty pay on the basis of the nature of the duty rather than the location of the duty; expresses the sense of Congress concerning the New Parent Support Program and Military Families and requires a report on it; authorizes funding for the DOD portion of the Multi-Agency Next Generation Internet Program and specifies that it may only be authorized through the Defense authorization bill; establishes the Defense Against Weapons of Mass Destruction title to encourage better coordination and improve capabilities to respond to incidents involving weapons of mass destruction; expresses the sense of Congress that the President should direct the Secretaries of Defense, State, Energy, and the Administrator of EPA to assess the feasibility of a privately funded international project to exchange information related to advanced nuclear waste remediation technologies; requires the restructuring of Theater High-Altitude Area Defense System acquisition strategy; requires that the authority to issue an objection concerning the export of supercomputers be executed at a specified level and requires that procedures maximize the ability to issue an objection with the 10 day time limit; increases the amount authorized for basic research and applied research by \$1.1 billion; transfers oversight of the program for assessment of alternative technologies for demilitarization of assembled chemical weapons to the Army and authorizes \$12.6 million for the program; authorizes the conveyance of property at Fort Sheridan, Illinois to the City of Lake Forest, Illinois; requires a report on the rates of personnel retention by military services since 1989; and specifies requirements for the transfer of excess UH-1 Huey helicopters and AH-1 Cobra helicopters to foreign countries;

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The Thornberry amendment that authorizes DOD to conduct a demonstration program for enrolling Medicare-eligible military retirees in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (agreed to by a recorded vote of 420 ayes to 1 noes with 1 voting "present;")

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The Traficant amendment that authorizes the Secretary of Defense to assign members of the Armed Forces, under certain circumstances and subject to certain conditions, to assist the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the Customs Service in monitoring and patrolling our borders (agreed to by a recorded vote of 288 ayes to 132 noes, Roll No. 180);

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The Gilman amendment that establishes reporting requirements for nuclear exports that are comparable to those in existing law for conventional arms; requires the Executive branch to submit to Congress

a report describing each such export and the basis for approval; provides for Congress to have 30 days to review the proposed license and use expedited procedures to enact a resolution of disapproval if necessary (agreed to by a recorded vote of 405 ayes to 9 noes, Roll No. 181); **Pages H3705-07, H3710-11**

The Hunter amendment, as modified, that requires a study to assess the impact of the current micropurchase program and the advisability of increasing the purchase threshold; **Pages H3707-09**

The Taylor of Mississippi amendment that requires the Secretary of Defense to expand its drug testing program to all civilian employees; and **Pages H3709-10**

The Thomas amendment that provides for treatment of the State of California claim regarding the naval petroleum reserve numbered 1 and makes available amounts in the contingent fund for paying the claim. **Page H3710**

Rejected the Reyes amendment to the Traficant amendment that sought to require the Attorney General or the Secretary of the Treasury to submit a request to the Secretary of Defense prior to the assignment of armed forces personnel to assist the Immigration and Naturalization Service and Customs Service (rejected by a recorded vote of 179 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 179). **Pages H3702-05**

Rejected the Frank of Massachusetts motion to strike all after the enacting clause. **Pages H3694-95**

The Clerk was authorized in the engrossment of H.R. 3616 to correct section numbers, punctuation, cross references, table of contents, and to make other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the actions of the House in amending the bill. **Page H3715**

H. Res. 441, the rule that is providing for the further consideration on the bill, was agreed to on May 20. Agreed today that during further consideration of the bill pursuant to the rule, the Thomas amendment be deemed to have been included as the last amendment printed in part D of H. Rept. 105-544, the report accompanying the rule. **Pages H3495-H3505, H3666**

BESTEAMotion to Instruct Conferees: Rejected the Minge motion to instruct House conferees on H.R. 2400, Building Efficient Surface Transportation and Equity Act, to ensure that spending for highways and transit programs authorized in the conference agreement on H.R. 2400 is fully paid for using estimates of the Congressional Budget Office, to reject the use of estimates from any other source, to reject any method of budgeting that departs from the budget enforcement principles currently in effect, or the use of the budget surplus to pay for spending on highways or transit programs by a re-

corded vote of 156 ayes to 251 noes with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 185. **Pages H3715-19, H3722**

BESTEAMotion to Instruct Conferees: Rejected the Obey motion to instruct House conferees on H.R. 2400, Building Efficient Surface Transportation and Equity Act, to limit the aggregate number of earmarked highway demonstration projects included in the conference report on H.R. 2400 to a number that does not exceed the aggregate number of such highway demonstration projects earmarked during the 42 years since the enactment of the Highway Trust Fund in 1956 by a ye and nay vote of 77 yeas to 332 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 184. **Pages H3719-22**

Campaign Finance Reform: The House agreed to H. Res. 442, the rule that is providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 119, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to limit campaign spending, and H.R. 2183, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to reform the financing of campaigns for elections for Federal office. Agreed to order the previous question by a ye and nay vote of 208 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 186. **Pages H3722-33**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:59 p.m. and reconvened at 12:15 a.m. on Friday, May 22. **Page H3739**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H3628 and H3690.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H3744-55.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five ye and nay votes and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3627-28, H3646, H3665-66, H3694, H3704-05, H3705, H3710-11, H3714, H3714-15, H3721-22, H3722, and H3732-33. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 12:17 a.m. on Friday, May 22.

Committee Meetings

U.S. AGRICULTURE, ASIAN FINANCIAL CRISIS AND THE IMF

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review U.S. Agriculture, the Asian Financial Crisis, and the International Monetary Fund. Testimony was heard from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Robert E. Rubin, Secretary of the Treasury; and Dan Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture.